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1. ADDITIONAL SECRETARY NARASIMHAM OF THE FINANCE MINISTRY AND THE CHARGE EXCHANGED LETTERS SETTling THE SURPLUS PROPERTY DEBT TODAY. WE ARE POUCHING THE TEXTS OF THE LETTERS TO MORLEY (NEA/INS). THE TEXTS ARE AS CONTAINED IN NEW DELHI'S 17290 EXCEPT FOR SOME MINOR CHANGES REQUESTED BY THE GOI FOR THE SAKE OF ACCURACY IN THE NOMENCLATURE OF THE ACCOUNT TO WHICH THE MONEY WILL BE DEPOSITED. THESE INVOLVED NO CHANGE IN SUBSTANCE.

2. BEFORE HE LEFT, AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN SAID HE WANTED TO SEND MESSAGES TO CONGRESSMEN MOORHEAD AND BUCHANAN ON THE SURPLUS PROPERTY SETTLEMENT. WE HAD EARLIER PLANNED TO SEND THEM FROM HERE. SINCE AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN IS NOW IN THE UNITED STATES, WE SUGGEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM TO FIND OUT WHAT HE WOULD LIKE TO DO. IF HE DOES NOT WISH TO WRITE OR CONTACT THE CONGRESSMEN WE BELIEVE THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD DO SO.

3. FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S POSSIBLE USE, THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A LETTER TO CONGRESSMAN BUCHANAN WHICH AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN DRAFTED BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE.

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"DEAR CONGRESSMAN BUCHANAN:

" I AM HAPPY TO BE ABLE TO REPORT THAT AS THE LAST ACT
OF THE YEAR AND JUST ABOUT MY LAST ACT AS AMBASSADOR HERE,
THE UNITED STATES AND INDIA REACHED AGREEMENT ON A FOURTEEN
MILLION RUPEE SETTLEMENT OF THE SURPLUS PROPERTY ACCOUNT
WHICH DATES FROM WORLD WAR TWO. THIS IS THE LAST OF THE
FINANCIAL NEGOTIATIONS OF THIS KIND HERE IN INDIA. ALL OUR
ACCOUNTS ARE IN ORDER AND ALL OUTSTANDING ISSUES HAVE BEEN
AMICABLY SETTLED.

"WE MUCH APPRECIATE BOTH THE SUPPORT AND PRESSURE WHICH
CONGRESS PROVIDED IN THIS MATTER. SINCERELY,"
SCHNEIDER

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